

# Wins \$10,000 Estate

## In Unusual Court Case

Amsterdam News

New York, N. Y.

ATLANTA. (ANP)—The result of a second trial, a Fulton superior jury Thursday returned a verdict in favor of Bill Jones, the plaintiff in the "Maggie Petty estate" case, one of the strangest law suits ever heard in Georgia.

The verdict gives Jones control of the late Maggie Petty's estate, reputedly valued at \$10,000. The case took its strange twist in the fact that the defendant, Mrs. Jones, was actually not a Negro, but a white woman, and since she claimed to be her cousin, the \$10,000 estate was rightfully hers.

### Who Is A Negro?

Mrs. Irish based her contention on a law passed by the Georgia legislature in 1927 which sought to define just who is white and who is colored. Under the law, according to Mrs. Irish, her alleged cousin, whose mother was white and father a Negro, did not become a Negro until 1927.

A mistrial was ruled in the case last March when one of the jurors became ill and neither side would accept a decision from an 11-man jury.

Mrs. Irish indicated that she planned to appeal the superior court decision, contending that even if Jones did marry the deceased the marriage could not be legal under state laws, which forbid intermarriage. Jones contended that his wife was a Negro, even if her mother was white.

Jones, a former automobile-motorcycle racer, pointed out that he was married to Miss Petty in 1914, and that they had lived together as man and wife until her death.

## 2 Wives Plan Equal Share of \$5,000 Estate

BALTIMORE Administration papers for the \$5,000 estate of Lemuel Turner, 46, missing merchant marine seaman of 1920 McCulloh Street, were filed here this week by white attorneys representing his two wives.

The administration papers were granted to wife No. 1, Mrs. Susie T. Turner of 1507 Gratz Street, Philadelphia who had posted \$2,500 bond.

Wife No. 2 is Mrs. Violet M.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich.

The huge estate of the late Edward H. Morris, leading Chicago lawyer, who died two weeks ago, will eventually go to Howard university in Washington, D. C., under the terms of the will filed here this week.

The estate is estimated at between \$300,000 and \$400,000. The will was filed for probate in the Berrien Probate court here and set forth that the estate, largely personal property, is worth an estimated \$300,000.

However, this was considered a conservative figure and it may exceed \$400,000, friends of Morris believe. The will was filed by the Benton Harbor law firm of Harvey and Fisher (white).

### Miss Denison Gets Income

Although Howard university was named as the eventual legatee, it will not come into possession of the fortune during the life of Morris' principal legatee, Miss Denise Denison, daughter of the late Gen. Franklin Denison, and Mrs. Edna Denison, now Mrs. Edna Abbott. Miss Denison was bequeathed the sum of \$1,500 every three months from the income of the estate, as long as she lives. Although never legally adopted, she had made her home for several years in the Morris household and was with him during his final illness in Washington, D. C., where he died on February 22 of a cerebral concussion. He had not worked since the accident and had undergone two operations.

Mr. Saunders, former president of the International Longshoremen's Association, fell from a railroad car on March 5, 1940, striking his head on a piece of concrete while in the employ of the Lykes Coastwise Lines, Inc. He died on February 22 of a cerebral concussion. He had not worked since the accident and had undergone two operations.

In addition to the \$1,500 income of the will, is to receive all of the household effects in the elaborately furnished Morris home; all the jewelry, clothing and other personal effects of the deceased, and all farming tools and utensils of the big Morris farm, considered one of the show places of the county.

The will also provides that Miss Denison shall inherit Morris' private library, said to exceed 2,500 volumes. The document also stipulates that Miss Denison and Attorney Vance Fisher shall serve as executor and executrix for 15 years in operating or selling the Morris farm and home located near Benton Harbor, Mich. Proceeds of such sale shall be turned into the trust fund created by the will.

The Detroit Trust company, Detroit, Mich., is named as the trustee agent for operating and preserving the estate so long as Miss Denison lives, after which the estate and any accumulations are to be turned over to Howard university.

Other benefactions as set forth in Morris' will are as follows:

A bequest of \$1,000 to Mercy hospital, where Mr. Morris was a patient not long before his death. James Brant, caretaker of the Morris estate, \$500.

Mrs. M. Morris, of Minneapolis, widow of William R. Morris, brother of the deceased, \$3,000.

Henry P. Slaughter, Washington, D. C., longtime friend with whom Mr. Morris was visiting, when stricken by his fatal illness, \$3,000.

Jean M. Shaw, Chicago, \$1,000.

Elizabeth B. Slaughter Douglas, Chicago and Evanston, \$1,000.

Pearl Wilson, Chicago, \$1,000.

Morris Shaw, Chicago, \$500.

## Widow Gets \$5,000 in Husband's Death

BALTIMORE The State Industrial Accident Commission this week ordered payment of a \$5,000 dependency claim to Alice Saunders of 1721 N. Calhoun Street for the death of her husband, Clifton, in February, as a result of an accident nearly three years ago.

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Mrs. Saunders, won the award in the hotly contested suit when he produced a star witness, an expert neurologist, who testified that there was a definite causal connection between the accident and Mr. Saunders' death.

Mr. Lane also offered medical records of the deceased to further tie-up the connection between the accident and the man's death. In addition to the dependency award, Mrs. Saunders was also granted upward of \$125 to cover date of the accident.

Mr. Saunders died just fourteen days before the time would have elapsed during which the dependency claim could be filed. Under Maryland law, such claims must be filed within three years after

## New Trial Plea In

## Petty Case Dismissed

The mistrial in the "Maggie Petty" case was dismissed and adjustments made, \$500.

Defendants in the case were Mrs. Missouri Irish, white cousin of Miss Petty, and Joe Wilson, Jr., white contractor. Mrs. Irish attempted to prove that Jones had never been the husband or common-law husband of Miss Petty.

Property, jewels and cash owned by Miss Petty at the time of her death amounted to approximately \$10,000. During the trial, it was brought out that Miss Petty was the daughter of a white mother and a colored father.

Washington Tribune

## Maid Receives Half of

## White Employer's Estate

of her employer, the late Mrs. Ethel Lawrence, white, of 2928 Porter Street, Northwest, who died May 18.

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Attorney John Maktos, executor of the will and beneficiary of the estate, stated that the estate other half of the estate, stated



to the Tribune Wednesday that "under the will of the late Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Luckett will inherit one-half of the estate after certain specific legatees have been settled." "It will be impossible," the attorney further stated, "to tell how much the inheritance will amount to at this time as the will has not as yet been probated." It is expected, however, that it will be a considerable sum.

Miss Luckett is a native Washingtonian and had worked for her benefactor for a period of seven years. She attended the schools here and is a member of the Third Baptist Church.

When asked by a Tribune reporter what she intended doing with her share of the inheritance, Miss Luckett stated, "You can rest assured I will invest it wisely."

The late Mrs. Lawrence was a native of Kansas City, Mo., and had lived in Washington over a period of some 40 years. She was an employee of the State Department until she was retired last September.

## Lawyer for Ala. Heirs on 10,000-Mile Fortune Hunt

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The fortune left by the late Mrs. Alice Johnson, who left here in 1913 for Alaska, may cause Horace C. Alford, local white attorney, to set some kind of a record when he travels 10,000 miles to push the claim of three local persons to a share in the estate.

The attorney represents three cousins of the deceased who left here thirty years ago to make her fortune in the land of the midnight sun and is said to have left a large apartment house, a cannery, a liquor store, jewelry and \$50,000 in bank.

Alford will travel by train to Vancouver, thence by boat to Cordova where the fate of the claim of the Alabama cousins will be decided in the U.S. District Court.

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IS RIGHT UP TO DATE, THE UNION  
SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS SOON,  
OR ELSE YOU'LL BE TOO LATE.**



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its regal surroundings, they found such hospitality, such exemplification of citizenship and christianity, that bag and baggage they settled and during the few days of conference and banquets, nights of residence, they enjoyed a happiness, that will ever be listed among their most highly cherished memories.

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The Plaindealer  
Kansas City, Kan.

## WHITE COMMON LAW HUSBAND TO GET NOTHING

Topeka, Kas.—Judge Roy N. McCue of the probate court of Shawnee county, Kas., rendered a decision Friday, July 23, holding that the \$10,000 estate of Mrs. Anna Adams should go to her heirs and not to Dave Chesler, a white man who claimed to be her common law husband.

Mrs. Adams, the widow of Fredence of Chesler regarding his relationship to the deceased at the time when funeral services were being made with his "gulping greed" for a husband's share a few months later.

Mrs. Adams and her husband and "Remember," Bradshaw said to was given employment over the period of years in their business, names of the survivors to the funeral director for newspaper publication. If he was her husband, died an unmarried woman and that the evidence failed to show that she ever publicly acknowledged the claimant.

The court, in its decision, made a finding of fact that Mrs. Adams died an unmarried woman and that the evidence failed to show that she ever publicly acknowledged the claimant. Such a showing, according to the decision of the court, is essential to the recognition of a common law marriage in Kansas.

Chesler's attempt to establish his claim in court was bitterly contested by the heirs of the deceased woman and resulted in a trial of a week's duration.

The heirs are Nan Tolberts of Lexington, Ky., sister of Mrs. Adams; Mrs. Mary Wilson of Hennessy, sister; Miriah Harris, Lexington, niece; Dorothy Mosby and Juanita Wallace, both of Topeka and Rosalie Johnson, Lexington, grandnieces.

These heirs were represented by William M. Bradshaw, Topeka attorney, who in defense of their claims presented voluminous public records and other documentary evidence proving that Mrs. Adams held herself out to the public as a widow and the claimant as a

single man. In the course of his argument to the court, Bradshaw, smirching the dead for a few paltry dollars. Many wept as he compared the muteness of Chesler at the time when funeral arrangements, silencing the court, "Chesler gave the names of the survivors to the funeral director for newspaper publication. If he was her husband, why did he fail to mention the fact? That was the last thing that he could do for her." Mrs. Adams was 70 years old at her death. Chesler is about 53. In 1931, Mrs. Adams sold 5 of her houses to the Missouri Packing company for \$10,000. The law firm of Rooney and Dickinson represented Chesler and frequently the trial was highlighted by clashes between Bradshaw and Edward Rooney, noted Kan-



Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Louque drove up to The News office today and, calling the reporter out to their car, said they had something to show us. On the way out we said if it's a snake we do not want to see it, and when assured it was not, we looked in the car and beheld more pennies than we ever saw before outside a bank. The first thing we noticed was a gallon wine jug filled to the top with pennies and altogether they said there was about \$110.00, all in pennies in boxes and the jug. The jug, they said, had about \$75 in it. We believed them and did not count the pennies.

The mystery where all the pennies came from was soon solved when they said the coins belonged to Bob Harrington, colored, of Foley, who has been with the Brooks-Scanlon Corporation for years, conducting a cafe and store in negro town, adjacent to Foley. Just how long "Uncle Bob" has been with the Foleys, no one knows. He is honest, loyal and faithful to his country, to the Foleys and the company, and loyal to his customers, but he gets the pennies and he saves them. He asked Mr. and Mrs. Louque to bring them to the bank for him and he will pay all his federal licenses with the pennies which he has saved and taken in at his place of business.

Our sympathies go out to Mrs. Louque who promised to count the pennies in the jug and our congratulations to "Uncle Bob" for his penny-wise plan.

Journal and Guide  
Norfolk, Virginia

NORFOLK, Virginia  
**Kansans**  
*Feb. 6-1943*  
**Get Half**  
**Of Estate**

## 49 Heirs Share

**TULSA, Okla. — (ANP) —** Final disposal of the \$7,413,286 estate of the late Lete Kolvin, Indian woman, was announced last week by Charles B. Rogers, white attorney, following 15 years of dispute and litigations.

Floyd and Willie Mayweather, workers in a Kansas City packing plant, received half of the estate, amounting to \$1,853,321.50 for each brother.

The other half was divided among Miss Iozra Alexander Lee of Caremore, Okla., and 46 other claimants. In the decision of the district court in October, 1941, Miss Lee was awarded half the estate, equal to the half of the Mayweathers.

A state supreme court decision reversed the lower court's opinion and the 46 were included. - 2-6-43

In addition valuable land, a gasoline plant, and 15 producing wells were parceled out in the division. The lands were utilized for more than 25 years by two oil companies, and the huge fortune represents royalties on oil and gasoline produced since 1916.

In the suit before the district court in 1941 the Sinclair and Minnehoma oil companies were defendants. The Mayweathers were nephews of Joe Stevens, who married the Indian woman, one year before she received her land allotment. Miss Lee was sister of Lete Kolvin, according to the verdict.

Chicago Bee

Chicago, Illinois

**\$500 MONTHLY  
TO HIS WARD  
FOR LIFETIME**

FEB 21 1943  
 Howard university will be the recipient of the more than \$300,000 fortune of the late Edward H. Morris, renowned Chicago lawyer who died of a heart attack in Washington, D. C., two weeks ago but not until the death of his ward, Miss Denise Dennison Morris.  
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 Miss Morris will receive the

income from the huge fortune, which it was stated may approximate \$400,000, as long as she lives. Eight others, one his lifelong friend, Henry P. Slaughter, in whose home Mr. Morris died, will benefit under the terms of the will. The will was filed for probate in the Berrien Probate court of Berton Harbor and set forth that the estate largely personal property, is worth an estimated \$300,000.

Other beneficiaries as set forth in the Morris will are Mercy hospital, of Benton Harbor, where Mr. Morris was a patient before he left for Washington early in December of last year, \$1,000; James Brant, caretaker of the Morris' estate, \$500:

Mrs. M. Morris of M'neapo-  
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brother o the d ceased, \$3,000;  
Henry P. Slaughter, Washington,  
D. C., \$3,000; Jean M. Shaw,  
Chicago, \$1,000; Elizabeth B.  
Slaughter Douglas of Chicago  
and Evanston, \$1,000; Pearl  
Wilson, Chicago, \$1,000 and  
Morris Shaw, Chicago, \$500.

The Benton Harbor law firm of Harvey and Fisher (white) filed the will for probate this week. Miss Denison, who took the name of Morris, although she was never legally adopted and lived in the Morris' household for several years, is a trained nurse. She was his constant companion and was with him during his final illness in Washington. He died on February 3 at the age of 85.

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She is the daughter of the late Gen. Franklin Denison and Mrs. Edna Denison Abbott, widow of the late Robert R. Abbott, founder and publisher of the Chicago Defender.

She will receive \$1,500 every three months from the income of the estate as long as she lives, and in addition, under the terms of the will, is to receive all of the household effects in the Morris' home, one of Benton Harbor's most elaborate country estates.

**Receives Personal Effects.**  
All of the jewelry, clothing and other personal effects of the late Mr. Morris and all farming tools and utensils of the big Morris farm are included. The prominent lawyer's private library, said to exceed 2,500 volumes was also bequeathed to her.

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The late Mr. Morris began his law practice in Chicago in 1870, retiring six years before his death. He was the senior partner of the prominent law firm of Morris and Coshin.

Aside from serving two terms in the Illinois legislature, Mr. Morris was a delegate to the Illinois Constitutional convention of 1920-22, and grand master of the United Order of Oddfellows until his death.

# Three More Slave Journal and Guide Norfolk, Virginia Heirs Seek Fortune

**NORFOLK** — Three more persons, representing themselves as members of the family of the late Daniel Brickhouse, presented themselves at the office of James A. Mitchell, administrator of the Brickhouse estate, early last week as additional claimants to the \$112.26 provided in the will of William Boush of Princess Anne County for a group of his slaves from the sale of a parcel of his property over 109 years ago.

7 The original amount, of which Mrs. Anne Wilford, only surviving child of Mr. Brickhouse, filed a bill of complaint last year, stating that it had never been paid, today has grown to \$68,790.28, when compounded at six percent interest.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, present owner of the tract which was sold under the terms of the will, which is a part of the road's Little Creek terminals, is the defendant in the unusual case.

Last December, Judge Allen R. Hanckle dismissed the complaint on the basis of claims set forth by the firm of Wilcox, Cooke and Wilcox, attorneys for the railroad, that the statute of limitations would intervene; that Daniel Brickhouse, who died in 1932, was not the Daniel Brickhouse men-

**Constitution**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Negro Property**  
**Sells for \$80,000**

The Negro Odd Fellows building, on Auburn avenue, together with property fronting an entire block on that street, was sold yesterday being bought by J. H. Taylor from Henry M. Pitts. The sale was negotiated by Perry Adair and Sam Redwine, of the Chapman Realty Company, realtors.

The sale price was understood to be between \$80,000 and \$85,000. The property has a gross rental of \$17,000 annually. It has other improvements, including a Negro theater and two-story store building, and fronts on Auburn avenue, Butler and Bell streets.

tioned in the will; and that he had never put in his claim during his lifetime.

## CASE REOPENED

However, the case was reopened on March 24 when H. Clay Midgett, Newport News attorney, applied for a transcript of the records of the case with a view to obtaining a further review of the claim.

A Journal and Guide Reporter, in an interview with Mrs. Wilford last week, was told that the unpaid share had been discussed by her father and other members of the family all of her life.

The aging claimant declared that her father, Daniel Brickhouse, had made frequent attempts to get the claim into court, but had been repeatedly discouraged by the lawyers with whom he talked.

About three years ago she said she employed B. J. Barnes, Norfolk lawyer, to search the records in the Princess Anne Court House. With Charles G. Archer, lawyer, Mr. Barnes dug out the old Boush will, which apparently verified Mrs. Wilford's story.

They also made a check on the tract of property sold as directed by the will and found that it was the present Pennsylvania Railroad property.

In the progress of the case a court order was brought into evidence showing that the cashier of the **Farmer's Bank of Virginia at Norfolk** was authorized to make the payment, which the claimants say the **Brickhouse** family never received.

**BTW TEACHER IN FAMILY**  
In addition, Miss Eunice Brick-

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house, teacher in the Booker Washington High School, told Guide reporter Tuesday that her father, the late John Brickhouse of Avenue A, was also a brother of the Daniel Brickhouse who died in Princess Anne County in 1933.

She added that all of her life she has heard her father and her uncles and aunts mention the unpaid share



## Brainerd Institute at Chester Is Sold to School Board

Chester, June 12—(Special)—Announcement was made tonight that the national board of missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America with headquarters at 156 Broadway, New York City, which has operated Brainerd institute at Chester since 1870, has sold this property to the Chester school board.

Brainerd institute was founded by the late Rev. Samuel Loomis, eminent educator. Later its head was the late Dr. John S. Marquis for a long number of years, and it was one of this state's most widely known Negro schools.

The price paid for the property was not announced. It embraces 15 acres. On this property is located Koomler hall, the dormitory, Martha Tweed chapel, three dwellings and another building. It is in the eastern part of the city.

It was founded for the education of the Negroes. However, since excellent educational advantages are now provided for that race here the board of missions feel that it was no longer needed under their direction.

The board of missions during the past year lent the class room building of this property to the Chester school board for the overflow of the Negro school children. Still more space will be needed by the school board for the Negro children for the coming year and this property will adequately take care of the Chester Negro school for years to come.

ARGUS  
St. Louis, Missouri

## Nearly 200,000,000 In Property Owned By Race

Race Relations Sunday services were held February 14 in Methodist churches throughout the nation. Tribute was paid to the advances made by Negroes. Dr. M. L. Harris of Philander Smith college said today. He revealed:

There are 628,327 Negro farm operators, 95 per cent of whom live in the southern states. They represent 21 per cent of the farm operators in those states. The Negro farmers have received

20.9 per cent, or 60,440 FSA loans, totaling \$50,000,000.

"Despite many handicaps, the American Negro has made wonderful progress in the field of education. From only 58 per

## Dr. McRae Estate Valued at \$4,244

BALTIMORE

Dr. Jay G. McRae, physician, who died here April 12, left an estate valued at \$4,244 with debts listed at \$100, according to an inventory filed in Orphans' Court recently.

The estate consists of 20 shares in the New Amsterdam Casualty Company, \$500; 6 shares in Long Island Lighting, \$186; an automobile, \$800; property at 1126 Druid Hill Avenue, \$2,200; and cash in bank, \$558.72.

His widow, Mrs. Blanche McRae, is executrix. Surviving also are two sons, Dr. Jay G. McRae, and Theodore, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Ruby McRae Galoway.

NEW YORK.—(A N P)—An undisclosed sum of money awaits the legal heirs of Ferdinand "Jelly Roll" Morton, famous jazz and composer who died some time ago in California.

According to E. E. Oberstein of the Classic Record Company, 2 West 44th Street, New York, the noted musician left a wife who has been unable to prove her status with the courts and therefore is not his legal heir. The money will be paid instead to relatives.

There were 30,000 Negro-owned stores in 1939 in the country, totaling sales of \$71,000,000. There are 11 banks owned and operated by Negroes and 41 member companies of the powerful National Negro Insurance Association. That Association has 2,800,000 policies and \$422,000,000 worth of insurance

force. "Today, Negroes own church property valued at nearly \$200,000,000. There are 25,000 Negro clergymen preaching in churches.

## Negro Woman Makes Fortune In Far North

Birmingham, Ala., News  
Dies Without Will;  
Cousins Send Lawyer  
On Trip To Alaska

Way back, near the turn of the century, Alice Johnson, Negro from Macon County, set out to have a "good time." August 22, 1943

Her journey first took her to the larger cities of the South, then into the North, still later into the Northwest, until in 1913 her quest for a "good time" had brought her to Cordova, Alaska.

There Alice, then 41 years old, settled down. And there in July, 1943, at the age of 68, she died.

During the years she had traveled and the years she had spent in Alaska all of her relatives, except three cousins, died.

So sometime within the next 10 days, Horace Alford, attorney, will leave Birmingham for Cordova, Alaska, to claim for the three cousins the estate, already estimated at upwards of \$25,000, which the cousins will inherit, since Alice Johnson died without leaving a will.

The estate consists of a 30-room apartment house, completely furnished, a liquor store, a canning plant, together with jewelry, fur coats and other personal property and, perhaps real estate still unlisted.

The cousins are Sophia Hamilton, of Birmingham; Mary Malloy, of Macon County, and Edmund Kitt, of Shorter, Ala.

Alice Johnson did not write frequently to her kin folk. But by happy chance each of the three cousins kept the precious few letters she had written to them. They will be of inestimable value in proving their identity and thus their claim on their legacies.

THE LETTERS, PENCILED IN NEARLY EVERY INSTANCE upon the arrival of the mail boat which brought letters to her, were hurried, briefly written affairs which over and over again remarked the loneliness that Alice felt far away in the land of the midnight sun, away from the warmth and homeliness of the friends and cotton fields she once knew.

Nearly every letter she wrote complained of the hard times she was experiencing, strikes, lack of help when business was good.

She didn't write frequently, but she poured her heart out when she did—the desire to see her kinfolk, the wish that they could visit her,

her sorrow over the news of the death of some friend or relative as told in the letters she received.

And from the tone of her letters, many of those she received were requests for aid.

Alice would lecture the writer when she answered. Alice would say that times were hard, that she was a lonely woman who worked hard to keep body and soul together, that perhaps the one seeking aid had not managed their personal affairs to the best of their ability.

Never in the letter would she say she was going to help.

But at the end a postscript would be appended, saying she was enclosing \$100, or \$150, or whatever sum she had in mind to alleviate the trouble.

In one letter she referred to the fact that she had sent the money to one of her relatives to pay off the mortgage on the farm. In another she told of sending a huge box of clothing, some new, some discarded. The freight charges on that box alone was \$25, she said.

CORDOVA IS LOCATED in the bend where the coast of Alaska turns westward after lying along the side of Canada. It is a fishing village, primarily, and the principal industry is the canning of shrimp, clams and other seafoods.

Alice Johnson had not seen her relatives for many years, although only a few years ago she did travel to Seattle for the surgical treatment of a goiter. But she could not leave her various business interests in Alaska long enough for a visit to her native Dixie, and she returned to the frozen North to finish out her life.

Her letters reveal that during the years she sought a good time, like the proverbial rolling stone, she gained considerable polish.

And the probate record shows that after she settled down to the business of making a home and money, unlike the rolling stone, she gathered considerable moss.

Atty. Alford says he expects to be gone about five weeks. He will spend five days and nights aboard a ship from Seattle to Cordova. He will also take the opportunity to visit one or two resort points in the Canadian Rockies, he says.

## Negroes Own 22%

Chicago Defender

## Of All Their Homes

Chicago, Illinois

WASHINGTON.—In 1940, there 719 Negro household or dwelling units occupied by the

owners, and this number constituted 22.8 per cent of the

total of 3,156,542 dwelling units occupied by Negro households all over the country. The remaining home units, 2,436,771, or 77.2 per

cent were occupied by tenants.

This interesting information is revealed in a table just released by the Bureau of the Census, through Joseph R. Houchins, specialist in Negro statistics.

A dwelling unit is defined by the Bureau of the Census as the living quarters occupied by one household. A dwelling unit was classified as owner-occupied, if it was owned either wholly or in part by the head

of the household, or by some related member of his family living in the dwelling unit. All other occupied units were classified as tenant-occupied whether or not cash was actually paid for the living quarters.

Or the total number of Negro-occupied dwelling units in the U. S. in 1940, households in the South occupied 2,386,775, or 75.6 per cent. Households in the North occupied 769,767, or 24.4 per cent.

Mr. Alford says he traveled more than eleven thousand miles of the interest of the Negro and took care of the interest of whom he found to have a very good reputation in Cordova, Alaska. Among the first things he was told about Mrs. Johnson when he got there was that she was the first to donate the town \$5,000 for street improvements.

The judge in telling of this remarked, "She was a mighty fine woman." Mr. Alford replied, "Well, that's the way we raise them to be down in Alabama."

Atty. Alford, looking fit and fine after the long trip reports, "that all those who want Alaska can have it." There is just a little bit too much ice and seventy below zero weather for him.

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# Clevelanders Pool Cash In Real Estate Coup

BY CHARLES H. LOEB  
CLEVELAND — (A N P)— In a real estate coup that is expected to provide a landmark in the accelerated economic progress of the Negro in Cleveland a small group of businessmen last week pooled resources to acquire one of the most valuable crosstown corners in the city.

Completing negotiations initiated two years ago, the group write a new chapter in cooperation between Negro business by buying asset, the Reserve Bldg., located out a white corporation through on the northeast corner of E. 55th Street and Woodland Avenue, busiest shopping center in Cleveland's East Side.

The corner is in the heart of the Members of the corporation's board of directors include: Councilman William O. Walker, editor of the Call-Post, president Bennie Mason, owner of the Mason Farm, vice president. Roger Price of the Pierson and Price enterprises, treasurer. William Pierson, of the Pierson and Price enterprises, secretary. Robert Shauter of the Shuter Drug company.

Attorney Edgar Dixon of Cleveland, who negotiated the transaction for the combine was named building manager, and will house his law offices on the second floor. The five-story fireproof building houses nine stores on the street level. All stores, with the exception of the Shauter Drug company on the corner, are owned by white interest, and enjoy a practically 100 per cent Negro patronage.

On the second floor of the building are the district offices of three Negro insurance companies: Atlanta Life, Fireside Mutual and Domestic Life and Accident.

Three physicians also have offices in the building, as are the offices of Selective Service Board Number 12 for the 11th ward. The floors from third to fifth are given over to 24 apartments, all occupied by white tenants.

One of the corporations first official acts was to order the removal of an elevator sign informing the public that the car did not stop at the second floor.

This practice, inaugurated by the former owners, had in the past for these business concerns on the second floor to use the stairway.

## Negro Woman Makes Fortune In Far North

Dies Without Will;  
Cousins Send Lawyer  
On Trip To Alaska

Way back, near the turn of the century, Alice Johnson, Negro from Macon County, set out to have a "good time."

Her journey first took her to the larger cities of the South, then into the North, still later into the Northwest, until in 1913 her quest for a "good time" had brought her to Cordova, Alaska.

There Alice, then 41 years old, settled down.

And there in July, 1943, at the age of 68, she died.

During the years she had traveled and the years she had spent in Alaska all of her relatives, except three cousins, died.

So sometime within the next 10 days, Horace Alford, attorney, will leave Birmingham for Cordova, Alaska, to claim for the three cousins the estate, already estimated at upward of \$25,000 which the cousins inherit since Alice Johnson died without leaving a will.

The estate consists of a 30-room apartment house, completely furnished, a liquor store, a canning plant, together with jewelry, fur coats and other personal property and, perhaps real estate still unlisted.

The cousins are Sophia Hamilton, of Birmingham; Mary Malloy, of Macon County, and Edmund Kitt, of Shorter, Ala.

Alice Johnson did not write frequently to her kin folk. But by happy chance each of the three cousins kept the precious few letters she had written to them. They will be of inestimable value in

proving her identity and thus their claim on their legacies.

THE LETTERS, PENCILED IN NEARLY EVERY INSTANCE upon the arrival of the mail boat which brought letters to her, were hurried, briefly written affairs which over and over again remarked the loneliness that Alice felt far away in the land of the midnight sun, away from the warmth and hominess of the friends and cotton fields she once knew.

Nearly every letter she wrote complained of the hard times she was experiencing, strikes, lack of help when business was good.

She didn't write frequently, but she poured her heart out when she did—the desire to see her kinfolk, the wish that they could visit her, her sorrow over the news of the death of some friend or relative as told in the letters she received.

And from the tone of her letters, many of those she received were requests for aid.

Alice would lecture the writer when she answered. Alice would say that times were hard, that she was a lonely woman who worked hard to keep body and soul together, that perhaps the one seeking aid had not managed their personal affairs to the best of their ability.

Never, she would say, would she say she was going to help.

But at the end a postscript would be appended, saying she was enclosing \$100, or \$150, or whatever sum she had in mind to alleviate the trouble.

In one letter she referred to the fact that she had sent the money to one of her relatives to pay off the mortgage on the farm. In another she told of sending a huge box of clothing, some new, some discarded. The freight charges on that box alone was \$25, she said.

CORDOVA IS LOCATED in the bend where the coast of Alaska turns westward after lying along the side of Canada. It is a fishing village, primarily, and the principal industry is the canning of shrimp, clams and other seafoods.

Alice Johnson had not seen her relatives for many years, although only a few years ago she did travel to Seattle for the surgical treatment of a gall bladder. She did not leave her various business interests in Alaska long enough for a visit to her native Dixie, and she returned

to the frozen North to finish out her life.

Her letters reveal that during the years she sought a good time, like the proverbial rolling stone, she gained considerable polish.

And the probate record shows that after she settled down to the business of making a home and money, unlike the rolling stone, she gathered considerable moss.

Atty. Alford says he expects to be gone about five weeks. He will spend five days and nights aboard a ship from Seattle to Cordova. He will also take the opportunity to visit one or two resort points in the Canadian Rockies, he says.

**Daily World**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Alice Johnson,**  
**Famed Traveler,**  
**Passeaway**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(SNS)— A wandering Alabama woman whose pleasure-hunting adventures carried her as far as Cordova, Alaska, is dead with a fortune which she accumulated left unwilld and her relatives in Birmingham and Macon County, Alabama seeking to come in possession of it.

That roughly is a sketch of the reported life of Alice Johnson who died in Alaska at the age of 68 July, 1943 with an estate estimated as worth \$25,000. She went to Cordova in 1913.

The Johnson estate consists of a 30-room apartment house, completely furnished, a liquor store, a canning plant, together with jewelry, fur coats and other personal property and perhaps money and real estate unlisted.

She kept in touch with her cousins, Miss Sophia Hamilton of Birmingham; Miss Mary Malloy, of Macon county, and Edmund Kitt of Shorter, Ala., through letters.

These were kept and will doubtless be useful in legally establishing the identity of the prospective heirs.

Attorney Horace C. Alford has been retained by the potential heirs to investigate the estate. H expects to leave within the next 10 days. He expects to be away about five weeks.

**Chicago Tribune**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
**CHICAGO NEGRO**  
**DROPS FIGHT FOR**  
**BIG OIL ESTATE**  
Columbus Ben Stevens, Negro, a

Chicago packing house worker who contended he was the son of Lete Kolvin, illiterate Creek Indian woman who left oil lands worth \$7,413,286 yesterday dropped his court fight for the estate when he filed a motion in the Tulsa, Okla., federal court to dismiss his suit. Under a compromise decision made in the estate fight, which had been in Oklahoma courts since 1931, one-half the estate went to Floyd and Willie Mayweather, Kansas City, Kas., Negroes, and the other half went to Izora Alexander Lee of Claremore, Okla., who was Lete's half sister, and 45 collateral heirs. The Mayweathers were nephews of Joe Stevens, who was Lete's husband.

**Daily World**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Drops His Claim To**  
**\$7,413,286 Fortune;**

**Said He Was "Son"**

TULSA, Okla. — (ANP) — A motion was on file in the U. S. District court here last week asking for dismissal of the suit instituted by Columbus Bell Stevens of Chicago to win the custody of the \$7,413,286 oil fortune of Lete Kolvin, an illiterate Creek Indian woman. Stevens had claimed to be the Indian woman's only "son" and sole heir.

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# THE BRADDOCK GIVES UP THE GHOST

Courier  
Pittsburgh, Pa.



The Braddock hotel, one of Harlem's most famous landmarks and one of the largest hotels in Harlem, is for rent. Its white owner is offering it for sale to some Negro business man, due to the death of his brother who managed the hotel and the notoriety of the Harlem riot brought the price. The Braddock hotel was opened in 1890 and was turned over to colored clients in 1937.—Foto Rowe.

## PROMINENT VIRGINIA CITIZEN ESTABLISHES MEMORIAL FUND

LATE MOTHER OF DRS. SILAS F. AND BALCOM C. TAYLOR HONORED

DANVILLE, VA.—Wayles R. Harrison, President of the American National Bank of Danville, Va., and prominent social worker, recently established a fund to be used for the relief of the distressed among the poor of the city, in memory of the late Mrs. Maria L. Taylor, who

Journal and Guide  
Norfolk, Virginia



**FROM SHARECROPPERS TO OWNERS**—Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Martin of Hayti, Mo., former sharecroppers, who became the first Negro farm family in Missouri to complete payment of their farm purchased under the government's tenant purchase program, administered by the Farm Security Administration. This hard-working family had 40 years to repay their loan, but paid out in five years with money earned entirely from farm income.

for the last half century had devoted her life to the civic and social betterment of her race in the city of Danville. Taylor, prominent Boston drug

The announcement was made at the funeral services of the Natalie Taylor Jacobs, wife of deceased on July 29 last, by the Rev. F. W. Jacobs, pastor of Danville Social Service Bureau. "The good that she has done in this community will ever live after her and I deem it an honor to thus memorialize her" said Mr. Harrison.

Mrs. Taylor was the mother of six children, Prof. I. W. Taylor, principal of the Danville Public Schools, President of the Danville Saxons, and honor student at the Univer-

sity of Connecticut, Helene Jacobs, recent graduate of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C. and now a student at the Atlanta School of Social Science, Frankie Jacobs, student at Hampton College, Hampton, Va., and Taylor Jacobs of Bridgeport, Conn.

## Kolvin Millions Go To 48 Heirs

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 4 (ANP) — Disposal of the \$7,413,286 estate of the late Lette Kolvin, an Indian woman, was announced last week by Charles B. Rogers (white), an attorney who said that his clients figured in the award. Division of the estate between the 48 heirs also gave sides the seven-million-dollar cash of the estate.

stated. Floyd and Willie Mayweather, employees of a packing plant in Kansas City, will receive half of the estate under terms of the agreement, and as collateral heirs will receive the other half. Miss Izora Alexander Lee of Claremore is among those who will share in the bequests. The division of the hotly contested will follows a reversal by the state supreme court of a dis-



55-1943  
Peoples Voice  
New York, N. Y.

## Home Ownership Biggest in West

Of the 3,156,542 dwelling units occupied by Negro households in the United States in 1940, 719,771 or 22.8 percent were occupied by owners, and 2,436,771 or 77.2 percent were occupied by tenants.

The Bureau of the Census defines a dwelling unit as the living quarters occupied by one household. A dwelling unit was classified as owner-occupied if it was owned either wholly or in part by the head of the household or by some related member of his family living in the dwelling unit. All other occupied units were classified as tenant-occupied whether or not cash rent was actually paid for the living quarters.

Of the total number of Negro-occupied dwelling units in the United States in 1940, households in the South occupied 2,386,775 or 75.6 percent, households in the North occupied 719,185 or 22.8 percent, and households in the West occupied 50,582 or 1.6 percent.

The fact that 33.4 percent of all Negro-occupied dwelling units in the West were owner-occupied is especially noteworthy. This proportion was nearly twice as large as the corresponding proportion of dwelling units occupied by Negro households in the North and considerably larger than the corresponding proportion of dwelling units occupied by Negro households in the South.

There were 141,611 dwelling units occupied by Negroes in the State of New York, but only 8,877 or 6.3 percent were owner-occupied. In some of the other States owner-occupants accounted for much larger proportions of the dwelling units occupied by Negroes. For example, in the States of California, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming, more than three out of every ten Negro households owned the dwelling units in which they resided. In two of these states, Kansas and Maine, the dwelling units of Negro owner-occupants outnumbered the dwelling units of Negro tenant-occupants.

Pittsburgh Courier  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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The division of the hotly contested will follows a reversal by the state supreme court of a district court opinion that also gave the Kansas City brothers one-half of the estate.

Guardian  
Boston, Mass.

## Kip's Ex-Wife to Get \$3600 Yearly for Life

ALBANY, N. Y., March 4—New York's Court of Appeals affirmed today the right of Alice Jones, former wife of the late Leonard Kip Rhinelander, to collect \$3600 a year for life from the estate of his father, Philip Rhinelander.

The State's highest tribunal reversed an appellate division ruling declaring her claim illegal and invalid. The claim had been allowed by the executors of Rhinelander's estate and the executors' action approved by the Nassau County Surrogate. Rhinelander's heirs opposed it.

Miss Jones and Rhinelander scion of a prominent New York

After the annulment was denied, he obtained a divorce in Nevada Dec. 27, 1929. Miss Jones, meanwhile, had sued Philip Rhinelander for \$500,000 claiming he had alienated his son's affection for her. She and the elder Rhinelander signed an agreement July 8, 1930, under which Miss Jones was paid \$300 a month until his death in 1940. Kip died in 1936.

Globe and Independent  
Nashville, Tenn.

## Reed Left Estate Worth \$27,000

BOSTON, March 28—(ANP)—The late William L. Reed, who was executive secretary of the governor's council for many years, left an estate valued at \$27,100, according to a petition for administration filed recently. Judge Jenn V. Mahoney in Suffolk Probate Court appointed the widow, Harriet F. Reed, as administratrix under a bond of \$35,000. The estate includes \$24,000 in personal property and \$3,100 in real estate.

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## HOMES OWNED BY OCCUPANTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11—More than three out of every ten Negro households owned the dwelling units in which they reside in the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming, according to a table released by the Department of Commerce this week.

Entitled "Dwelling Units Occupied by Negro Occupants, by Territory, for the United States, by Regions and States: 1940" the table pointed out that of the 3,156,542 dwelling units occupied by Negro households in 1940, 719,771 or 22.8 percent were occupied by owners, and 2,436,771 or 77.2 percent were occupied by tenants.

Of the total number of Negro-occupied dwelling units in the United States, the report showed, 2,386,775 or 75.6 percent households in the North occupied 719,185 or 22.8 percent and households in the West occupied 50,582 or 1.6 percent.

Joseph R. Houchins is a specialist in Negro Statistics in the Bureau of the Census here.

Pittsburgh Courier  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Kip's Wife To Share Estate

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 11—Mrs. Alice Jones Rhinelander, widow of the late Leonard Kip Rhinelander, white, won a legal victory here last week when the New York Court of Appeals awarded her the right to collect \$3,600 a year for life from the estate of the late Phillip Rhinelander, father of the Kip.

This decision reversed the ruling of an Appellate Division of the New York courts which recently upheld an heir's contention that her claim was illegal and invalid because it was based on a Nevada divorce.

The famous Rhinelander case made front pages of the nation's press in 1924 when the youthful Kip, scion of a wealthy family, sued for an annulment from his one of five months, contending that she hid from him the facts that she was the daughter of a coachman and a cook and that she was part Negro.

## W. L. Reed Estate Valued at \$29,100

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11—William L. Reed of 19 Wigglesworth st., Roxbury, executive secretary to the Governor's Council, who died Feb. 5, left an estate valued at \$29,100, according to a petition for administration filed with Registrar of Probate Arthur W. Sullivan. It consists of \$24,000 in personal property and \$3100 in real estate.

His widow, Mrs. Harriet F. Reed, was appointed administratrix under a bond of \$35,000 by Judge John V. Mahoney. Besides his widow, Mr. Reed left several nephews and nieces.

Journal and Guide  
Norfolk, Virginia

## Howard To Get Entire Estate Of \$300,000

WASHINGTON, D. C. The entire \$300,000 estate of the late attorney Edward H. Morris of Benton Harbor, Mich., will eventually go to Howard University, it was revealed with the recent filing of Mr. Morris' will.

The aged lawyer, who died here two weeks ago of a heart attack, was buried in Chicago on February 9.

Although the entire estate will eventually go to Howard University, under the terms of the will, the income is bequeathed to Denise D. Morris, an adopted daughter.

NATIVE OF KENTUCKY

A native of Kentucky and a resident of Chicago for the past 70 years, during which he became one of the nation's outstanding lawyers, Attorney Morris, in recent years, made his home in Benton Harbor. At the turn of the century he served two terms and was a delegate to the Illinois Constitutional convention in 1920-22.

realtors.

Sale of Negro investment property fronting an entire block on Auburn Avenue, N. E., including the Negro Odd Fellows Building, from Henry M. Pitts to J. H. Taylor, was reported Wednesday. The price paid for the property, which has gross annual income of \$17,000, was understood to have been between \$80,000 and \$85,000. In addition to the seven-story

## Negro Property Brings \$80,000

The late barrister began the practice of law here in 1879 and retired six years ago. Since 1915 he had been leader of the Grand Order of Odd Fellows of the World.

By FRANK C. GILREATH JR.



# Dead Woman's Identity Baffles Dixie Court; White, Negro Sue

ATLANTA—A white woman and a Negro man were on opposite ends of a suit in the Fulton County Superior Court here last week. Both claimed ownership to an estate of a deceased Negro woman, valued at over \$10,000. Mrs. Missouri Irish, white, said to be a cousin of the dead, declared the deceased was "white" and Bill Jones who married her, held that she was a Negro.

Was she white? Was she a Negro? The court was to decide last Saturday. But, two of the all-white jurors became ill and the judge automatically ruled a mis-trial. In brief, this is one of the most unusual cases in the history of Georgia courts. So touchy was it until not a single paper in the city or state carried a line on it, except the *Atlanta Daily World*.

## MARRIAGE IS CLAIMED

Testimony brought out during the trial showed that the deceased, the late Mrs. Maggie Petty Jones, was the child of a Negro father and a white mother. On this point than Negro, defense attorneys declared the elderly Mrs. Irish contends to declare that she was white up to be the only living relative of the 1927 and a Negro after that time. deceased.

On the other hand, Bill Jones, 1927, the Georgia law said that a middle-aged well-known Atlantan person with one-eighth or less of tian, declares he was married to African blood was white. The law Mrs. Jones and points out that her changed in 1927, they said, making last name is his. He told the court a person a Negro if he had any per-he married her in 1914 and lived centage of African blood. with her until her death in 1941.

Attorney H. A. Allen, representing Jones, produced witnesses who testified that the couple lived together as man and wife. the deceased to be "White" or a WAS ALMOST WHITE

The defense, represented by the firm of Mitchell and Mitchell, attempted to show that Mrs. Jones was "almost white" and wouldn't have considered marrying a man as black as Jones.

To prove that the deceased was a Negro, Attorney Allen secured testimony which showed that she was admitted to Spelman College's hospital and was funeralized by Ivey Brothers. Even workers employed with Jones at one time, spoke up in his behalf.

Napoleon Thomas, brother-in-law of Bill Jones, told the court that Miss Petty was considered as a white woman until she adopted Jones. They became lovers after Jones reached manhood. The woman was 20 years older than the man. The witness also pointed out that the woman was jealous of Jones and cut him on one occasion.

After this switch-blade episode, according to Thomas, the woman explained to Jones' mother that they were married.

In attempting to show that the late Mrs. Jones was more white

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## Student Must Shun Frats to Get Legacy

Grandfather Willed \$20,000 to H.U. Freshman on Strict Condition

WASHINGTON

A bequest of \$20,000, made on the condition that he would never pledge any fraternity on Howard University campus, was revealed Friday to Carl A. Thomas, 19, a freshman at Howard, in the will of his grandfather, the late O. H. P. Fant.

"I have no intention of investing the money, or even touching it until I have enough education to use it wisely," the young man told the AFRO on Tuesday.

### Disliked Frats

The strange provision that he was to receive the inheritance only if he did not pledge a fraternity was written, Thomas declared, because his grandfather believed fraternities did not live up to the standard of brotherhood or make of their members better men.

The son of Mrs. Ressie Thomas, a legal advisor for exclusive Northern girls' schools, and the late David A. Thomas, former first vice-president of the First National Bank in Harlem, Thomas may enter Princeton University in the fall.

It was on the recommendation of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, at a State reception in the State House at Trenton, N.J., that the youth came to Howard.

In addition to the \$20,000 left to Thomas, Mr. Fant bequeathed a country home in Sea Girt, N.J., to Aurilea Bradshaw, a daughter; two automobiles and numerous antiques to a niece, Elaine Thomas; jewelry, land and house furnishings to Mrs. Thomas, and his business to two sons, Douglas



CARL THOMAS

and Lawrence, and Mrs. Ressie Thomas.

Thomas said that he was the only one of the grandchildren who had not done exactly what his grandfather wished. He came to Howard, instead of attending Wilberforce; was a Methodist and not a Baptist, and attended numerous youth conferences instead of staying at home.

**Four Share Gift Left By Recluse**  
Chicago Defender  
Chicago, Illinois  
FEB 27 1943

TAMPA.—Because of her affection for Mrs. Dowdy, "the old colored lady," who cared for her dur-

ing childhood, the sum of \$2,500 was left by Mrs. Letitia V. Graham, elderly Tampa recluse, to the four children of Mrs. Dowd.

Mrs. Graham died in 1938.

They are: Eliza Dowdy, Memphis; Walter Dowdy, Chicago; Henry Dowdy, Coldwater, Miss., and James Dowdy, Oak Creek, Colo. Their brother, Willie, was to receive one-fifth of the gift, but he is dead, leaving the others entitled to a fourth-share each, of the \$2,500.

The money was placed in envelopes, in Mrs. Graham's safety deposit box at a local bank, each envelop bearing the name of the person for which it was intended. Mrs. Graham's estate is now being administered in the probate court.

Circuit Judge Sandler, however, ruled Friday that the money must be delivered to the persons designated by Mrs. Graham, as the personal gifts and not part of the will.

**World-Telegram**  
New York, N. Y.  
Corner in Harlem  
Sold by Kilpatrick

An old holding in the retail furniture district of Harlem passed to new control with the purchase by Samuel Kilpatrick, of the four-story buildings on a plot 75 by 109 feet at the northwest corner of Third Ave. and 120th St.

The property is assessed at \$69,000 and the sale was the first change of ownership since 1867. Some of the tenants have occupied stores in the property for 10 to 47 years. Wm. A. White & Sons negotiated the sale. The property was immediately resold to Dominick Franco, a tenant who seeks space for business expansion.

Pearce & Mayer, brokers have sold 57 Lenox Ave. corner of 113th St., a five-story walkup house with stores assessed at \$31,000; also 1736 Madison Ave., a five-story walkup with stores assessed at \$19,000. The buyer was Tilnor Realty Co., Inc., and the seller Deveruth Corp. A. J. Bernstein was the attorney for the seller and Louis N. Field for the purchaser.

Robert E. Hill, Inc., broker, with Joseph P. Day, Inc., sold 172 Sherman Ave., for Montclair Trust Co. to Inwood Realty Corp. It is a five-story walkup house having 40 apartments on a plot, 50 by 150 feet and assessed at \$87,000. Cash above a purchase money mortgage of \$51,000 for 10 years was paid. Duke Landis represented the seller and William L. Rosan the buyer.

The will names as his heirs his sister, Mrs. Hattie Jackson of Washington, Ky., \$500; his nieces, Ida Belle Dorsey, Washington, Ky., \$500; his nieces, and grand Vir-nieces, Marguerite and Frances A. pro-Simpson, Washington, Ky., who bated in the chancery court Thurs-will rec-  
The remainder of the estate valued property

**Left \$30,000**

**Union Prof.**  
After an occupancy of 50 years, Louise I. and John J. Corell have sold for all cash, their three-story basement residence at 29 Grove St., Greenwich Village, through Wm. A. White & Sons and J. D. Robilotto Co., Inc., brokers. The property is assessed at \$19,000.